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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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FOR AF/C - AMBASSADOR QUANTON

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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN BANGUI

REF:STATE 024938

1. REGRET THAT CHANGE IN POSITION OF FONMIN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROTOCOL (BANGUI 192) AND EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 3 (BANGUI 194 AND 195) HAVE RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO DISCUSS DRESS FOR CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY THUS DELAYING OUR REPLY TO STATE 024938. WILL EXPEDITE AND REPLY SOONEST.

2. EVEN IN ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION ON DRESS AND OTHER DETAILS, WE CAN TELL YOU THAT CEREMONY WAS SIMPLIFIED AND MADE SOMEWHAT LESS FORMAL THIS PAST YEAR, A FACT HAPPILY TAKEN NOTE OF IN NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS DEAN. FORMER MORNING COAT REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN DROPPED. BOTH PRESIDENT BOKASSA AND AMBASSADOR WEAR DARK SUIT. ONLY RECENT EXCEPTION WAS ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WHO CHOSE TO WEAR SMOKING (TUXEDUO) AT DECEMBER 16 CEREMONY. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET WERE ATTIRED IN BUSINESS SUITS.

3. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.

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